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COORDINATING COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM FROM THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION

Concerning

GERMAN PROPOSAL TO REDEFINE ITEM 1562

References: COCOM 3415.62/1 and 2.

1. The United States has studied the German proposal for the re-definition of Item 1562 and finds that it would decontrol some foil and wet-sintered electrolytic capacitors. Since in the United States the military uses 95 percent of all tantalum capacitors except those of wire or wendel type, the United States cannot accept the German proposal, and presents the following for the consideration of the Committee:

"Tantalum electrolytic capacitors, n.e.s., except wire (or wendel) types."

2. In addition, the United States proposes that the residual coverage be placed on the Watch List as follows:

"Tantalum electrolytic capacitors: wire (or wendel) types."

Five percent of the production of these capacitors goes directly into military uses; an additional 5 percent goes indirectly to military purposes; and they are under a continuing military development. For these reasons the United States wishes to keep wire or wendel type capacitors under surveillance.

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